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West Allis Common Council Supports Resolution

for a Strong Partnership with the State

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – MARCH 26, 2021 – WEST ALLIS, WIS - Supporting a full partnership with the state, the West Allis Common Council adopted a resolution in "Support of a Strong State and Local Partnership" at their meeting on March 16, 2021.

The resolution emphasizes the need for a strong partnership with the state to fund critical services like police protection, fire suppression, road maintenance, snowplowing, libraries, and parks, all of which are vital to maintaining quality communities and attracting families and businesses to Wisconsin.

"We work every day to not only to provide basic services, but also to capitalize on what makes our community unique and provide for economic growth," said West Allis Mayor Dan Devine. "A strong partnership with the state can only make our community stronger and help large and small communities across the state thrive."

Cities and villages in Wisconsin, like West Allis, are funded primarily in two ways: property taxes and shared revenues from the state. The demands on municipalities, unfunded state and federal mandates, and inflation on the costs to buy products and materials for services have not gone down; in fact, they have increased. At the same time, funding through the state's shared revenue program has decreased.

The resolution adopted by the City of West Allis is based on a League of Wisconsin Municipalities model being adopted by cities and villages statewide. The City is a League member. The League is a statewide member organization, advocating for cities and villages large and small, rural and urban.

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